

No. 9258. EDINBURGH,

## PREMIUMS for FLAX-RAISING, Crop 1779.

Trustees Office, Edinburgh, Dec. 20, 1780.

THE Commissioners and Trustees for Fisheries, Manufactures, and Improvements in Scotland, do hereby advertise, That they have determined the Gainers of the Premiums for Flax-raising crop 1779, as follows, viz.

## FIRST CLASS,

Being Twenty Shillings per Acre, producing not less than 20 stones Averdupe weight of clean skinned Flax.

## FIFE-SHIRE.

Gainers.	Farms.	Parishes.	Premiums.
			L. s.
James Mercer	Anstruther	Anstruther	1 5
Laurence Glaz	Old Fargie	Angus	2 0
Richard Stark	Earlsmeadow	Auchtermuchty	2 0
Andrew Johnston	Needles	ditto	1 0
David Aitkin	Conylaw	Carnbee	1 0
Andrew Aitkin	ditto	ditto	1 5
John Reikie	ditto	ditto	1 0
William Fyfe	Dealehead	Ceres	3 0
Alexander Howie	Strathbirkens	ditto	1 0
William Howie	ditto	ditto	3 0
James Howie	ditto	ditto	3 0
Robert Ogilvie	Bowhouse	Eile	2 15
Robert Thom	Auchtermernie	Kennoway	2 0
William Thomson	Longside	ditto	3 15
Thomas Neff	Kilbrackmont	Kilconquhar	1 10
James Band	Easter Balcarthy	Kilrenny	4 5
George & John Greig	Backfield	Kinglachie	2 5
Alexander Hay	Inchdairny	ditto	4 0
Andrew Donaldson	ditto	ditto	2 15
Robert Forrest	Pitmechar	ditto	2 10
George Greig	South Parks of Leslie	ditto	7 10
David Reikie	Carlurly	Largo	2 0
Michael Storer	Ballingall	Leflie	5 0
Robert Olvad	Printlaw	ditto	2 15
John Reid	Drumain	ditto	1 10
Patrick Latta	Southfield	Leuchars	1 5
William Reid	Bulbry	Markinch	3 0
James Michie	ditto	ditto	1 0
Alexander Allan	ditto	ditto	2 0
William Grieve	ditto	ditto	1 10
Thomas Michie	ditto	ditto	1 15
John Alison	Miltown of Balgonie	ditto	3 15
William Inglis	Blackhall	Monymal	1 10
John Inglis	Broomhall	ditto	6 10
Henry Inglis	ditto	ditto	1 0
Thomas Bell	Rankeilor Parks	ditto	4 10
James Cairfa	Wester Lathaln	Newburn	1 15
James Seton	Allanhill	St Andrew's	2 5
Thomas Wilson	Bonfield	ditto	2 0
Robert Aiken	ditto	ditto	1 0
Colin Couper	Abercrombiehill	St Monance	1 6
Andrew Ruder	North Dovecouthill	ditto	2 0
Agnes Armit	Bankhead	Scoone	1 15
Arthur Smith	Banbeath	ditto	1 15
James Ballingall	Balgrumie	ditto	2 10
James Alexander	Wester Durie	ditto	2 15
John Paterson	Cortfornmill	Strathmiglo	3 10
David Blyth	Nether Pitlochie	ditto	2 15
Walter Bell	Muiredge	Wemy	1 10

## KINROSS-SHIRE.

Robert Burt	Barns	Cleifh	1 0
James Walker	Maryburgh	ditto	1 10
Alexander Robertson	Easter Oldrain	Fofsway	1 15
John Young	Bowton	Kinrois	1 0
William Paterson	Kinrois Parks	ditto	6 5
Robert Coventry	Arlary	Orwell	2 5
James Drummond	Blairforth	ditto	2 15
Alexander Robertson	Burleigh	ditto	2 15
William Beveridge	Collestown	ditto	3 5
James Skelton	Orwell	ditto	9 0
James Mora	Koloftown	ditto	1 0
Robert White	Tarhill	ditto	3 5
David Gardiner	Abernyte	Abernyte	1 10
Peter Small	Balairdy	ditto	1 0
John Martin	Nether Abruthven	Auchterader	1 10
James Stewart	Auchterader	ditto	1 5
James Sharp	Baylyland	ditto	1 0
William Gibson	Belkie	ditto	2 0
James Greig	Chamberstrathie	ditto	1 0
William M'Evans	Carspink	ditto	2 10
Henry Bannerman	Eastmill	ditto	3 10
Daniel M'Laurin	Orchardhall	ditto	1 0
David Fenton	Westmill	ditto	1 0
John Puller	Airywright	Auchtergaven	1 0
John Black	Mill of ditto	ditto	1 0
Peter Boyd	Colly	ditto	2 0
John Duncan	Gallowhill	ditto	1 5
Thomas Dow	Jackston	ditto	2 10
James Chalmers	Hill of Logiebride	ditto	1 0
Thomas Finick	Newbigging	ditto	1 0
James Young	Meikle Obny	ditto	1 0
William Finnick	Little Tulliebelton	ditto	1 0
Andrew Bollans	ditto	ditto	1 10
William Stewart	Tulliebelton	ditto	1 0
William Robertson	Neilburgh	ditto	3 15
John Kirkaldie	Cupargrange	Bendochie	1 5
Charles Playfair	Southfield of ditto	ditto	2 0
John Lindsay	Low Cooty	ditto	2 0
Jacob Low	Millhorn	Blairgowrie	1 0
David Mackay	Rofemount	ditto	1 10
John Saunders	Weltoun	ditto	2 0
David Low	ditto	ditto	1 5
John Constable	ditto	ditto	1 0
James Bruce	Redgoal	Caputh	3 5
James Tainie	Broich	Crief	1 5
Duncan M'Aunsh	Callender	ditto	2 10
Andrew Clow	Easter Criefvictor	ditto	1 5
Thomas Key and Co.	Dornick	ditto	9 0
James Glas	Gavelmore	ditto	1 5
James Miller	Stonefield	Cupar-Angus	3 0
Charles Porter	Balbrogie	ditto	2 0
James Stevenson	ditto	ditto	2 0
David Porter	ditto	ditto	2 0
David Blair, Esq;	Bilbo	ditto	1 15
John Marshall	Iron	Down	1 0
James Sommers	ditto	ditto	2 0
John Sommers	Lochfield	ditto	1 10
William Johnston	Meadowhead	ditto	2 10
Patrick Burn	Monochtown	ditto	2 10
John Mitchell	Lauchins	ditto	1 0
John Shaw	Spittaltown	ditto	1 10
James Haldane	ditto	ditto	1 10
John Dick	Upper Garncaher	ditto	1 10
William Paterson	Wester Argillie	ditto	2 0
James Steuart, Esq;	Derculichmaina	Dull	6 0
Patrick Monteith	Ochlochie	Dunblane	1 0
William Roy	Townhead	ditto	3 0

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From the London Gazette, Dec. 30.  
St James's, Dec. 29.

THIS day the Duke of Montagu had the honour to kiss the King's hand, on being appointed his Majesty's Master of the Horse.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, Dec. 29.

The Mary and Isabella, Morris, is lost at Barbadoes.

The Catharine Dorothea, Bartlet, from Mem: to Bourdeaux, was stranded near Stettin, and the cargo much damaged.

The St. Francisco de Paula, Visick, an Imperial ship, from Bouteaux to Fiume, is taken and carried into Mahon by a privateer of that port.

The Mercurius, Carr, from Amsterdam for Lisbon, with wheat, cheese, &c. is taken by the Martha cutter, and brought into Dover.

The Fox, Captain Vereo, of London, has retaken a brigantine belonging to Jersey, laden with wine and fruit, from Oporto to Bristol, and brought her into Meraygeley.

The Hazard, Pendee, from London to Guernsey and Whitcharen, was taken the 20th instant off Guernsey, by the General de Ville privateer, and arrived at St Malo the 14th.

The Champion, Hall, from New York, and Dolphin, Mortillion, from St Kitt's, are both lost at St Lucia.

The prize to the Model, of Liverpool, ran on shore at Egg harbour.

The Maria Christina, —, from Bayonne for Amsterdam; the N. B. Antonio Nazareno, —, from St Sebastian's to L'Orient; the Concordia, Peterion, from St Ubes for Arundal; the Le Pierre Vincent, —, from Bourdeaux for Bret, are taken and sent into Falmouth by two Guernsey privateers.

The Joanna Sophia, Hedenquits, from L'Orient for Gottenburg; the Lindoboom, Junis, from Bourdeaux; the Young Vrouw Agnetta, Ingard, from L'Isle; the Juffrow Alletta, Isbrant, from Malaga to Ostend; the Wright and Stavenger, —, from Bourdeaux to Amsterdam; Town of Zurickzee, Booman, from St Antonio; the Doest Lest, Parden, from Malaga, all Dutch vessels, are taken and sent into Plymouth by the Echo, Kite, and Cruiser cutters.

A Dutch ship from Dominica to Rotterdam, and a Prussian galliot, from Bourdeaux to ditto, with 190 hogheads of tobacco, Dutch property, are taken and carried into Plymouth by his Majesty's ship Porpoise.

The Cork fleet, under convoy of the Charon man of war, arrived at Sandy Hook the 10th of November.

[The List here recapitulates the names of a number of ships, both belonging to the King, and private property, lost, which were mentioned in last Number, copied from the St Lucia and Barbadoes Gazettes, &c.]

The Endracht, Crans, from Faro, and the Vrouw Esther, Alexander, from Surinam to Amsterdam, are lost by the Dunkirk man of war in Hameath at Plymouth.

Plymouth, 26. Arrived the Foudroyant man of war from Plymouth; off Portland she passed three Dutch men of war, but not knowing of the late order for reprisals, passed without molesting them.

Sailed on a cruise the following ships, viz.

	Guns.	
Formidable	98	Captain Stanton.
Edgar	74	Elliot.
Warwick	50	Elphinstone.
Minerva	38	Fielding.
Active	32	M'Kenzie.
Maidstone	28	Parker.
Lynx sloop		Norman.

A Dutch dogger is sent in by the Formidable man of war. Arrived several coasters, &c. from the Downs.

The Hero, Le Lachur, has taken and sent into Falmouth Le Guen, a French sloop, from Nantz to Bret, with oil, soap, &c.

Penzance 23. Arrived the Glutton French sloop, prize to the Hero privateer of Guernsey, she was bound from Nantz to Bret, laden with chestnuts, soap, &c. This morning landed here, in a boat, three men out of the Knole packet, after being taken, with five or six more vessels, by the Black Prince's privateer, off the Lizard, about six o'clock last night.

Plymouth 26. Arrived the Yellow Sea, from Amsterdam to St Eustatia; the Juffrow Gertrude, from Nantz to Ostend; the Hamstead, from Genoa and Leghorn; the Suffrow Cornelius Hermina, from Cadiz; the Adrian and Jacob, from Malaga; the Eldrick Harmans, from St Martin's, and Wilhelmina Josephes, from Lisbon, all for Amsterdam. The Friendship, from Dominica, and the Palm-tree, from Bourdeaux, both for Rotterdam, and the Fleece, from Rochelle to Roan, all Dutch prizes, with five or six more now in the Sound, but cannot get their names.

The Amiable Rosalia, —, from France to St Domingo, is taken and carried into St Kitt's.

The Three Friends, Neaper, from Newry to London, was taken off the Land's End the 12th instant, and retaken the 14th by the Vetta frigate, and carried into Torbay.

Plymouth 28. Arrived the Tity Wetiven, Peters, from Seville for Ostend; Juffrow Sarah En Theodore Degar, Regona, from Bourdeaux for Rotterdam; sent in by the George cutter: The Jonge Tans, Tigelaar, Duties, from Bourdeaux for Amsterdam, sent in by the Mineva: The Friendschap, Peters, from Lisbon, sent in by the Persus and Zebra; the Sea Horse Dogger, Rinchall, from St Ubes for Flushing, sent in by the Jafon frigate.

The Weymouth Privateer has brought into Weymouth road, the Zelot, with Bay salt, from Sutton to Honfleur, and the Jonge Anne, from ditto to ditto, of 140 tons each.

The Tender Bomb Ketch, has sent into Weymouth, the Vrowschap, Kirk, from Bourdeaux to Rotterdam, with wines.

From the London Papers, Dec. 30.

## LONDON.

Last night Lieutenant Armour, of the Yarmouth man of war, just arrived at Portsmouth, from America, came to the Admiralty with dispatches from Sir George Rodney, dated the 15th of November, containing an account of his late, and plans of his intended operations. Sir George had sailed more than a hundred leagues on his return to the West Indies, when the Yarmouth parted company with the fleet, to proceed with the above dispatches for Europe.

The following is now said to be the substance of the dispatches brought over by Lieutenant Armour, of the Yarmouth man of war, so far as regards the operations of the British troops in Virginia; viz. that General Leslie having, by the aid of Sir George Rodney, effected his landing without any opposition, at the mouth of the Chesapeake, he marched off from thence, with the greatest expedition, to attack the principal posts in the province, and having made himself master of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Hampton, without any other resistance than a slight opposition from about 200 militia, who after standing only two fires retired, leaving eighteen dead behind them; he immediately set about fortifying the second of these places, as a cover to his conquests, and, at the time of these dispatches coming away, the works were already very strong, and in great forwardness towards completing.

On the General's first appearing before Portsmouth, the inhabitants sent out a flag of truce offering to capitulate, but answer was returned them, that no terms could be granted, but that they must surrender at discretion, relying on the humanity of the British troops, which they would find great and generous as usual. The same is said to have happened at Hampton and Norfolk, where the inhabitants who had fled, finding that the British troops did not intend to abandon those places, but they should find protection among them for their persons and property, they returned in great numbers, and having taken the oaths of allegiance, now reside under the British government.

With respect to Lord Cornwallis these advices say no more, than that he had penetrated very far into North Carolina; that something decisive was expected very soon between General

Leslie and the Provincials, as the former was attempting a diversion in Lord Cornwallis's favour; but that no new action had yet happened between him and Gates, the latter retiring on all sides before him.

Authentic letters from New York, by the ship just arrived in Ireland, mention, that the garrison and inhabitants had been in distress for want of provisions, &c. from the beginning of October, until the arrival of the Cork fleet, under convoy of the Charon, in November. This convoy consisted of 99 ships. Two more predatory expeditions were preparing there at that time, one of 1500 men, under General Phillips, and another of 2000, under another General; the first said to be for the Chesapeake, to reinforce Leslie, or to make a diversion in that quarter; the other for North Carolina, to reinforce Lord Cornwallis.

Yesterday an express was received at the house of the Dutch Minister from the Hague, commanding his immediate departure from this country. The said dispatch likewise contains the resolves of the States General on the late manifesto and proclamation from the Court of Great Britain, in which the Deputies from the different Provinces are reported to have been so decided, for an immediate declaration of war with England, as to be found, on a division, six to one against offering any terms of accommodation.

Though some of the morning papers have said that the Dutch Ambassador set off for Holland yesterday evening, after leaving his plate at Sir John Griffin Griffin's, yet we are assured that he does not go till to-morrow, when one of Romberg's neutral boats is ordered to be got ready for him, to convey his Excellency and his suite to the other side of the water. If we may judge from appearances, the Count has but little opinion of the relish his countrymen have for the war, as he intends to take over with him nothing more than his bed and bedding, leaving the rest of his furniture behind, as if he expected a speedy return.

So far from Administration wishing to temporize with Holland, they have by their spirited exertions (a new system with them it must be confessed) put it even out of their own power to prevent the treacherous Hollanders from receiving the long merited chastisement of this insulted country. Orders are gone to every quarter of the globe, for the most spirited and decisive war to be waged against those treacherous allies; so that if the cabinet wished to conciliate the difference, Holland must feel severely the effects of British vengeance in all her territories, long before any pacific instructions could reach our foreign commanders!

A number of Dutch vessels have been stopped at the Nore by Vice-Admiral Roddam, in consequence of the manifesto.

Orders are given for copies to be made out of all the treaties of commerce which have been negotiated between our court and that of Lisbon, from the conclusion of the last war to the present time.

All the masters of the privateers and letters of marque, belonging to Jersey and Guernsey, have received orders not to fend any prizes they take into any but English ports, when agents are appointed to conduct the business.

Very little business is now stirring on the river except privateering, which at present furnishes employ for every idle hand.

This morning some dispatches were received from Gibraltar, by which we are informed, that the garrison was well supplied with all kinds of provisions; and that a fleet of French merchantmen passed by that place the 9th inst. under convoy for Marfella.

The first appearance of hostilities among the Dutch commenced on Monday last at Flushing, where they began to mount their cannon, and draw a chain across the harbour, in which were two English privateers, which they attempted to stop; but the Captains perceiving their intentions, cut their cables, and in spite of all their efforts, put to sea, and got clear off.

This morning the Bishop of Osnaburk set off in order to embark for Germany; soon after which the Royal Family also left town to go to Windsor.

State of our SHIPS in the WEST-INDIES after the late hurricane, as far as can be collected from the latest accounts.

	Guns.	
Ajax	74	returned to St Lucia much damaged
Montague	74	ditto, almost a wreck
Vengeance	74	was on the rocks, but saved
Egmont	74	missing
Endymion	44	given up for lost
Blanche	40	two remarkable fine frigates taken some time since from the French no account of them
Alcmene	36	French no account of them returned much damaged
Venus	36	saved, almost a wreck
Amazon	28	lost
Andromeda	28	lost
Laurel	28	lost
Deal Castle	24	missing
Cameleon	24	lost
Beaver's prize.	18	lost
San Vicente	16	lost
Ætna	bomb	no account, but supposed to be safe
Vesuvius	24	safe

The naval people say, there is great reason to believe the Egmont man of war is safe at Jamaica, as the wind favoured her run for that island; and when she was last seen, she was running before the wind in a very manageable state, as she could not have been under her courses.—There is too much reason, however to fear the loss of the Endymion, notwithstanding what is said in the Barbadoes Mercury, of her arrival at Antigua, as Commissioner La Forey's letter to the Admiralty is dated 12 days after the Barbadoes account, and so far from mentioning her arrival at that port, he has inserted her in the list of the missing ships.

Minutes of Captain Bateman's court martial were brought over in the said dispatches, by which it seems he is broke, and adjudged incapable of serving his Majesty in future in a military capacity.

The ports are strictly watched to prevent the escape of an American spy, whose papers have been detected, and who has absconded.

One of the morning papers informs us, that the following are some of the taxes meant to be proposed by Lord North, for the service of the year 1781.

Five per cent. upon the annual receipts of all securities by bond, mortgage, or eligit.

One million from the East India Company, and an annual tax for fourteen years, the intended term of the new charter, at the rate of four shillings in the pound, upon the produce of

the territorial revenues, after deductions made for the collector, &c.

A tax of three-pence per ticket, upon all admissions to any place of entertainment within the kingdom of Great Britain.

And an additional half-crown duty upon porter and strong beer per barrel. This last, it is believed, will produce near half a million sterling per annum.

The sum to be borrowed and funded, he says, will be fifteen millions, and the operation of finance will be made in the four per cents. computed at 72, with a short annuity, and a considerable dueceur.

There will be at least three millions of navy bills discharged, and other taxes will be laid to make good the deficiencies of the taxes imposed in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779.

The same correspondent says, that the new malt-tax, laid last year upon the private brewery, has much exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Minister, and will leave, after paying the interest with which it is charged, a considerable residue to be carried to the credit of the sinking fund.

Yesterday, the Lottery ended drawing at Guildhall, when No. 6202 was drawn a prize of 50 l. and as last drawn, was entitled to 1000 l. After which the wheels were taken back to Whitehall.

Admiralty Office, Dec. 28. 1780.  
Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Roff, commanding his Majesty's sloop Alderney, to Philip Stephens, Esq; Secretary of the Admiralty, dated in Yarmouth Roads, December 26, 1780.

Please to acquaint their Lordships, that yesterday morning a cutter being seen to the N. E. of this place, I immediately got his Majesty's sloop under my command under way, and stood after her. About two o'clock I came up with her, within a mile of Hasbro'; the fore-top-gallant-mast of the Alderney being struck, they took her for one of a fleet of colliers they had got amongst, and did not perceive their mistake till we got our guns to bear on them, when they struck. She is called the Lady Washington, Captain John Oliver, belonging to Dunkirk, of 12 guns and 51 men, which place she had left eight days, and had not taken any thing.

## EDINBURGH.

In last MERCURY, our readers will find a more particular and distinct account of the great devastations in the West India Islands, occasioned by the dreadful hurricane which happened there in the month of October last, than what has hitherto appeared in any of the London papers. The London Gazette, brought by this day's post, contains, on the same melancholy subject, a letter from Major General Vaughan, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces in the Leeward Islands, dated Barbadoes, October 30; — from Major General Cunningham, Governor of the Island of Barbadoes, dated Barbadoes, October 20, with a journal of what passed at Barbadoes from the 9th to the 15th of October; — a loyal and dutiful address to his Majesty from the Council of the Island of Barbadoes, praying for relief in their present calamitous situation; — and extracts of two letters from William Matthew Burt, Esq; Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated Antigua, November 1st and 4th. They conclude with the following paragraph:

"Governor Cunningham and Brigadier General St Leger write me, that they much apprehend a famine in St Lucia and Barbadoes. There were undispofed of in this Island near 1500 barrels of flour, which his Majesty was graciously pleased to send for the relief of this Island. I have already sent General St Leger near 1000 barrels, and propose sending him 300 barrels, if not the whole remaining quantity."

## Extract of a letter from London, Dec. 30.

"It still remains a matter of uncertainty whether we are to have a war or not, in earnest, with the Dutch. Count Welden is yet here, though he has certainly given his friends to understand, that he intends to quit London to-morrow morning. Those in his Excellency's confidence report it to be his opinion, that the English interest will, in the end, prevail, and war with the States General be happily avoided.

"That part of the Manifesto which only lays an embargo on Dutch property till the conduct of Holland respecting English vessels is known, has been thought rather extraordinary here; as it is well known that their Maitresses have no ships of ours to seize upon.

"Several capital houses in the city have received accounts from their correspondents, in various parts of Holland, advising them, that people there are, in general, exclaiming against the French faction, as it is called, that have given cause for a war with Great Britain.

"Letters from all the different ports contain nothing but advices of Dutch prizes being brought in. An account from Poole makes mention of a privateer sailing from that place the night before last, and returning, about five hours afterwards, with two Dutchmen, worth, at least, fifteen thousand pounds. Indeed, a war with Holland cannot but prove uncommodity to privateering people, when it is considered that the Dutch are the common carriers of Europe, and have not less than seven thousand vessels in constant employ.

"The news received from America has given great spirits to the friends of Government. Lord Cornwallis has carried every thing before him, and has great reason to expect he will be enabled to reduce both the Carolinas and Virginia. General Leslie co-operates with him equally prosperous, and little fear is entertained of the wished-for success, though General Washington has certainly detached five thousand men to the assistance of the rebels in those parts.

"The Molly's, Captain Douglas, from Newcastle to Gibraltar, was taken the 21st September off Cape Spartel, by a Spanish frigate, and carried into Cadiz. The Four Brothers, Capt. Ronce, from Embden, is arrived in the River. The Sufannah, Capt. Parker, and three other ships, the names of which I cannot learn, from Clyde to Charlestown, are taken by the Americans. Those ships are said to be worth 200,000 l.

"The Lord Chancellor, it is said, is upon the point of doing that which must commemorate his name with the brightest ornaments of human nature. There are at this time no less than two and fifty livings in his gift, now vacant, which his Lordship means to give away, when he shall have informed himself of

On Saturday last, died, at the Bowling Green near Leith, Mys Elizabeth Menzies, daughter of the deceased James Menzies of Culdair. It is hoped her friends and relations will accept of this as a proper notification of her death.

Monday night was brought to town, and lodged in the tolbooth here, James Baywater sailor, belonging to the Alfred armed ship, accused of robbing Peter Elliot bottle-maker, of a silver watch, five or six shillings in silver, and his hat, on the evening of Saturday the 23d December last. Baywater absconded immediately after the robbery, and was apprehended by a party of soldiers, who carried him to the Regulating Captain of Berwick. This gentleman having received previous notice of the robbery from the Sheriff, detained the fellow in prison till the Sheriff should send for him.

Friday evening, Donald Mackay was served, with a copy of his indictment to stand trial before the High Court of Justiciary, being accused of abstracting from the Post Office here, where he acted as under porter, a packet, containing sixty-five-pound Bank notes, of the Newcastle bank. He was apprehended at Thurso, a considerable time ago, as formerly mentioned, and was from thence transferred to this prison.

*Extract of a letter from Dublin, Dec. 28.*

"Tuesday, two Dutch vessels in this harbour were seized by order of the Admiralty.

"Yesterday, the Stag frigate seized in the bay the Young Uxow, a Dutch ship, from Rotterdam, richly laden.

"The officers and privates of the 3d, 19th, and 30th regiments of foot, who have leave of absence or furlough, are ordered to join their respective regiments at Cork immediately, and prepare for their embarkation."

The Royal manifesto was not merely founded on the discoveries made by the capture of Mr Lauren's papers, nor on the intrigues of Van Boeschel, and his American associates. Government had found, that the States refused joining the armed neutrality, in hopes of drawing Russia and Sweden to guarantee their possessions, both foreign and domestic; which those Powers at first hesitated to comply with, but had not given an absolute refusal. In this critical juncture, a declaration on the part of England became necessary, by which means our Court avoid drawing the powers of Russia and Sweden on them, for commencing hostilities against their intended allies; and the States have also lost the opportunity of joining the armed neutrality, which is in itself become almost inoffensive, Denmark having in the same lucky interval entered into a treaty with England.

LEITH SHIPPING, Jan. 1-3.

ARRIVED,  
Nelly, Tulloch, from Glasgow, in ballast.  
Elizabeth and Margaret, Primrose, from Longnass, stones.  
Lady Elizabeth, Gray, from Largo, with salt.  
Ann and Mary, Charteris, from Berwick, with grain.  
Thomas, Grant, from Aberdeen, with goods.  
Friendship, Watson, from Montrose, ditto.

And a few vessels with coals.

THEATRE-ROYAL.  
SATURDAY Evening, January 6, will be presented, the Opera of LIONEL AND CLARISSA.

Jeffamy,  
(From the Theatre-Royal, Dublin.)  
Lionel, Mr STANTON.  
Colonel Old Boy, Mr FOWLER.  
Sir John Flowerdale, Mr JOHNSON.  
Clifford, Mrs TAPLIN.  
Diana, Miss HURST.  
Lady Old Boy, Mrs HEAPHY.  
To which will be added, Farce, called

THE OLD M A I D.  
Clermont, Mr GRAHAM.  
Captain Cape, Mr JOHNSON.  
Mrs Harlow, Mrs WOODS.  
Old Maid, Mrs HEAPHY.

BY DESIRE OF THE RIGHT HON. AND WORSHIPFUL  
EARL OF BALCARAS,  
GRAND MASTER.  
Of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of  
Free and Accepted Masons,  
On MONDAY next will be performed, a Comedy called  
THE WONDER;  
A Woman Keeps a Secret.

St MARY'S CHAPEL, Niddry's Wynd, Jan. 3.  
At the particular request of several persons, who thought the former  
terms of admission too high for the Public at large,

Mr WALDRON,  
Before his departure for London, will Exhibit and Deliver

THE ENTIRE LECTURE ON HEADS.

With four additional ones of Major ANDREE, Gen. WASHINGTON, the

MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE, and a DUTCHMAN,

Two Nights more, viz. To-morrow Evening, Thursday Jan. 4. and

Friday Evening, Jan. 5. 1781.

Between the Parts of the Lecture, will be presented, variety of

DRAMATIC RECITATION

In imitation of the manner of several eminent Actors.

Admittance for One Person, One Shilling and Sixpence.

For a Lady and Gentleman, or Two Ladies, Two Shillings and Sixpence.

Back Seats, One Shilling each.

W. WALDRON begs leave to return thanks for the very favourable reception his delivery of the Lecture on Heads, &c. has met with; and to assure the Public, that notwithstanding he has lowered the price of admittance, he will endeavour to improve every evening in his delivery of the Lecture, and whatever other exhibitions he may submit to the audience and indulgence of his very respected auditor.

BOARDING.

MRS BILLINGSLEY, having reason to believe, that her refusing to take Young Ladies for six months, has disengaged some who would otherwise have been her friends, is now resolved to do that particular as every other school in Edinburgh does. At the same time she still adheres to her former opinion on that subject, viz. That no Young Lady can in so short a time gain any material advantage, unless previous to that time, they have made some progress in their education, or that they have more than common capacity for learning.

But to convince the world that Mrs BILLINGSLEY is not influenced by any motive of self-interest, or a desire of being thought on a superior footing to any other house of the kind in Edinburgh, she, from this time, proposes to board such Young Ladies as will stay one year or more, for Thirty Guineas; and day-boards for half that sum.

Mrs BILLINGSLEY begs leave to take this opportunity of returning her most grateful acknowledgments to all who have honoured her with their countenance, protection, and interest. To them she owes a success infinitely beyond her most sanguine expectations, and very far superior to her merit. And she is inclined to think, that the most grateful tribute she can pay to their goodness, is to assure them, that by the assistance they have afforded her, together with the moderate price which provisions both are, and have been at for some time past, she is now enabled to lower her board for the future, and thereby give a testimony of her gratitude to a country in which she has met with so much kindness and encouragement.

Mr Billingsley entreats those who incline to honour her with the care of their daughters, to apply to the parents or friends of such Young Ladies as have been with her; she not fearing to have her conduct under the strictest scrutiny with regard to usage, diet, and every particular.

The terms of education are as formerly; and the Masters all attend in the house. — No vacation to be given, except to those who chuse to take it.

## CUSTOM-HOUSE, GREENOCK.

ARRIVED,

Dec. 31. Happy Return, Holmes, from Drogheda, with goods.  
Peggy, Anderson, from Drogheda, with ditto.

SAILED,

Ranger cutter, and Capt. Gillies's cutter on a cruise.

## PANTHEON.

*Mary's Chapel, Jan. 3. 1781.*

THE Society have appointed the following Question to be the subject of debate on Thursday evening, being the 11th instant, "Whether does JOY or GRIEVE make the strongest impression upon the Mind?"

Upon this occasion, TWO SILVER MEDALS will be adjudged; and at the subsequent Meeting presented; one to the best Speaker in point of ORATORY, and the other to the person who shall deliver the best speech in point of COMPOSITION.

Tickets to be had of the Members, and at Mr Swan's shop, as usual. The debate to begin precisely at Eleven o'clock.

## CANONGATE CHARITY WORK-HOUSE.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION for the Charity Work-House, will be made at the door of the Church on Sabbath next. The number of poor, always considerable in so populous a parish, is now increased by many employed at present in defence of their country, having left families unemployed, and well entitled to the public charity. It is hoped that the inhabitants will continue their support to so useful an institution.

Those who have not seats in the church, may send their collections either to the Poor House, or to Baillie Daniel Miller, grocer, head of New Street, who will grant receipts, if desired.

## NEW MUSIC.

Thes day is published, price 2 s.

NUMBER FIFTY-SIX OF

## THE PERIODICAL OVERTURES

COMPOSED BY G. HAYDN.

N. B. The Ninth Set of these Overtures, which contains No. 49, by Sacchini, — 50, by Vannal, — 51, by Schmitz, — 52, by Canabich, — 53, by Vannal, — 54, by Boccherini, may now, like the former sets, be had in one publication.

LONDON, printed by R. BRENNER, in the Strand, and sold at his Music Shop, EDINBURGH, — where may be had, all Musical Masters, as cheap and good as in London.

## GEORGE DEWAR, Linen-Draper,

Head of Advocate's Close, Luckenbooths.

BEGS leave to return his most grateful acknowledgments to those Ladies and Gentlemen who have hitherto favoured him with their orders; and takes the liberty of informing them, that he has on hand a complete assortment of the following Goods, viz.

Plain Linens, from 1 s. to 6 s. per yard.

Plain and figured Lawns.

Muslin and Lawn Handkerchiefs.

Silk and Linen Print ditto.

Men's Thread, Silk, and Worsted Hosiery.

Ladies Thread and Cotton ditto.

Coarse and fine Sheetings.

Long-Lawns and Cambries.

Muslins of all kinds.

With sundry other articles both of Scots and English manufacture.

N. B. As his chief attention is directed to the Linen branch, and being supplied from the best markets, those who are pleased to favour him with their orders, may depend on being served with goods of the best quality, and on the lowest terms.

## SALE OF SILKS, CLOTHS, &c.

AT DAVID MILN'S WAREROOMS,

Parliament-Square.

THE STOCK still on hand, to a great amount, of HOPE and MILNE, will now be sold very cheap, for ready money.

D. MILN is just arrived from London with a very elegant assortment of all the fashionable fancy and plain SILKS, Silver and Gold Thread, all the variety for Riding Drests, Riding Hats; and Silk Stockings, as low as 6 s. 6 d. for Ladies.

CLOTHS, Velvets, Silks for Vests and Breeches, Hats, Silk Stockings, and all the variety for gentlemen.

LIVERY CLOTHS from 2 s. 3 d. to 12 s. 6 d.

BLACK SILKS, and Black Silk, Bombazines and Crapes of the best fabric, as usual; and the New Flannels for Shawls.

Those indebted to Mr Hope personally, or those friends of the Company whose accounts are still unpaid, are earnestly entreated to be so obliging as to order payment to Mr Miln, or settle their accounts by bill, making the term of payment agreeable to themselves.

Commissions from the country properly attended to.

## PETER FORRESTER AND CO.

Opposite the Cross, Edinburgh.

HAVE just now added to their large STOCK of HARDWARE and JEWELLERY GOODS, some of the newest and most elegant London Patterns of the following articles:

Brown Tea-Kitchens, with and without plated mountings.

Silver, Gilt, Argenture, and Plated Shoe and Knee Buckles.

Fine Set Stock and Knee Buckles, with gold edgings.

Ditto Shoe, ditto with ditto

Patent Time-Pieces by Kentish.

Great variety of Plated Table and Chamber Candlesticks.

Sets of Plated Caskets, 3 and 8 glasses each.

Plain and Set Gold Cravat and Hair Slides.

Plain and Gold Enamelled Breast Pins.

Plain and Set Gold Hair-rings; with New Patterns of Hair-Work

for Rings, Lockets, &c. &c.

Neat Hair and Silk Watch and Cane Strings. And

New fashioned Silk-Purses.

They continue to give the highest prices for Light Gold, Old Silver, and Lace; and exchange Silver Plate of all kinds on the most reasonable terms.

Commissions from the country executed with the greatest care and expedition; and every article charged equally low, as if the customer was present.

EXCISE OFFICE, Edinburgh, 3d January 1780.

By order of the Hon. the COMMISSIONERS of EXCISE, THERE is to be exposed to SALE by public auction at Ayr, on Friday the 12th instant, the following GOODS, lately condemned before the Justices, viz.

1680 pounds Fine BLACK TEA.

860 ditto Coarse ditto.

240 gallons FOREIGN BRANDY.

## PHESDO, in the Mearns.

### TO BE LET,

THE HOUSE and PARKS of PHESDO, with the Garden and Offices, enterable at Whitunday next.

James Lindsay at Phepdo will show the premises.

Officers may apply to Mr James Macdonald at Inglismaldy, by Montrose.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 22d day of January current, between the hours of four and five afternoon.

THAT HOUSE in Nicolson's Square, fronting south, No. 16, consisting of the kitchen floor, dining-room floor, drawing-room floor, bed-room floor, and garret rooms, with cellars and other conveniences; all in good order.

The purchaser may enter immediately after the sale, or any time between and Whitunday 1781, in his option; and to encourage a roup, the upset sum will be so low as 800L. Sterling. The whole or greater part of the price, the buyer may retain for a given time in his hands.

The house may be seen every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, between the hours of twelve and two.

Apply to Thomas Cockburn writer to the signet, who will deal by private bargain.

## SALE OF WEED ASH.

TO be SOLD by auction, at Leith upon Tuesday the 9th January next, at twelve o'clock mid-day, 107 barrels WEED ASH. To be put up in such lots as may appear most eligible at the time of sale. The conditions of roup are in the hands of John Grant merchant Leith, in whose custody the goods may be viewed at ten o'clock forenoon of the day of sale.

## TO BE SOLD,

THE LODGING, on the north side of St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, belonging to Sir John Pringle, Bart. Apply to Harry Davidson writer in Edinburgh.

BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND MAGISTRATES OF EDINBURGH.

THE Magistrates and Council having resolved to build a CHURCH in George's street, in the extended Royalty, request that Architects may, between the 22d and 23d January next, give in the Clerks, at the Council Chamber, PLANS (sealed up, and directed thus, "Church Plan") of a Church of about 70 or 80 feet in front, by 50 or 60 feet in depth, with an arrangement of Seats and galleries for about 1500 persons; the front to be somewhat similar to that of the Physicians Hall, with the addition of a Spire above the Portico. The Church to have three doors, viz. one in the front, and one in each end.

The Plan approved will be entitled to Ten Guineas of premium.

## A SALE OF TEAS and SPIRITS, &c.

WILLIAM MOFFAT and Co. at their ware-house, north side of the Lawn-market, opposite Liberton's Wynd Edinburgh, return their grateful thanks to the public for the generous encouragement they have lately met with, and are happy it is in their power to merit their future favours, having at present a large quantity of goods on hand, of preferable quality, and at more moderate prices than any yet offered to sale, and which they are now selling at the following prices, viz.

Best Bohea Tea, at 2s. 6d. per lb.	Very best disto, at 2s. 6d. per lb.
Congo, at 2s.	Hyson, at 2s.
Fine ditto, at 6s.	Superfine, at 7s.
Shoukong, at 6s. 9d.	

The teas sold Dutch weight. Sugars at prime cost. Foreign and British spirits of the very best qualities, that will give universal satisfaction, and on the lowest terms.</p

## SECOND CLASS.

For the greatest quantities of Clean Skinned Flax, raised and dressed agreeable to the Board's advertisement.

Gainers.	Farms.	Parishes & Shires.	Premiums.
John Paterson	Cortonmill	Strathmigle, Fife	30 0
John Peter	Letham	Tippermuir, Perth	15 0
Kenny and William	Saucheside	St Ninians, Stirling	20 0
Kirkwood and Cook	Dunipace	Dunipace, ditto	10 0
Wilfion and Anderson	Findlater Parks	Kathven, Banff	7 10
Angus McPherson	Pitcox	Stenton, Haddington	15 0
Andrew Gray	ditto	ditto, ditto	7 10
Robert Harkness	Kirkmichael	Kirkmichael, Dumfries	10 0
James French	Amisfield Town	Kirkmahoe, ditto	5 0
John Hodgson	W. ster Wattin	Wattin, Caithness	5 0

## THIRD CLASS.

### FIFTH SHIRE.

Gainers.	Farms.	Parishes.	Premiums.
James Mercer	Brierybush	Wester Anstruther	3 16
James Richardson	Ridleyes	Auchtermucht	12 3
William Fyfe	Denshead	Ceres	1 4
Oliver Gourlay, Esq;	Scotsharvet	ditto	2 19
Alexander Howie	Strutherbarns	Capar	1 0
Robert Ogilvie	ditto	Dairies	7 4
Andrew Imrey	Springfield	Dunfermline	5 16
William Herd	Chappellwell	ditto	2 7
Robert Bell	Blacklaw	Dyfart	36 1
Andrew Aithkin	Peatiemuir	Elie	2 4
Thomas Walker	Orcemill	Falkland	1 12
Mr Cowan	Bowhouse	Kembach	1 15
David Purves	Balmblea	Kilconquhar	4 6
Laurence Reid	Dura	ditto	5 11
James Collier	Balbuthie	ditto	3 19
Mrs Ann Kyd	Collinburgh	Kilcenny	33 4
Alexander Cooper	James & William Wood	Largo	2 0
Chalmers and Hall	Hillhouse	Hutton	7 4
David Reikie	Thirdpark	Largo	2 11
William Henderson	Carleburly	ditto	1 8
Mrs Ann Durham	Hillhouse	Markinch	2 8
James Carmichael	Lundinmill	St Andrews	3 4
James Wood	ditto	ditto	2 7
John Alfon	Milton of Balgonie	Clackmannan	14 12
James Philip	Byrehill	Logie	11 10
Andrew Rodger	Dovecotthill	Aberdona	12 12
Robert Auld	PERTH-SHIRE.	Middleton Kerse	11 10
Robert Campbell	John Ramsay and Co.	Aberdalgie	31 4
	Broxden	ditto	4 2
	Windedge	Abernyte	1 6
	Abernyte	Aberthorpe	1 5
	Airlywight	Airlywight	1 7
	ditto	Auchtergaven	1 13
	Mill of ditto	ditto	1 5
	Colly	ditto	2 2
	Gallibhill	ditto	3 0
	Jackston	ditto	1 8
	Tullibelton	ditto	1 4
	Little ditto	ditto	1 4
	Neillhaugh	ditto	4 6
	Nairnspark	ditto	4 4
	Newbigging	ditto	1 9
	Prieston	Bendochy	2 16
	Cupargrange	ditto	1 10
	ditto	ditto	1 8
	Southfield of ditto	ditto	2 4
	Low Couthy	ditto	1 4
	Millhorn	ditto	1 14
	Rosemount	Blairgowrie	10 10
	Welltown	ditto	1 13
	ditto	ditto	1 4
	Whitefield	Cargill	1 11
	Dollarie	Crieff	1 3
	Gavelbeg	ditto	2 2
	Balbrogie	Cupar Angus	2 8
	ditto	ditto	2 2
	Easter Denhead	ditto	1 8
	Meigle	ditto	1 1
	Meadowhead	Doun	1 8
	West Dron	Dron	3 18
	Dumbarnie	Dumbarnie	12 9
	Pitkeathly	ditto	11 2
	Kinclady	Dunning	2 2
	Stockbrigs	Dunblane	3 3
	Lornie	Errol	6 18
	Mains of Murice	ditto	6 8
	Inchmichael	ditto	2 6
	Seaside	Forgandenny	4 4
	Boatmill	ditto	3 9
	Bunzian	ditto	4 2
	ditto	ditto	2 16
	Adam Miller	ditto	5 6
	Miller, Roy, & Murdoch	Forteviot	1 2
	William Philip	Fowlis Wester	1 0
	Robert Maxton	Inchtuthie	1 10
	George Thompson	ditto	1 2
	Alexander Valentine	ditto	1 8
	William McLeish	Kettina	1 4
	William Blair	Kinclaven	1 10
	Robert Naismith	Kinnoul	1 14
	William Gardner	ditto	2 8
	Thomas Adam	Logie	3 18
	John Buchanan	Longforgan	2 13
	Alexander Drummond	ditto	1 7
	William Cooper	ditto	2 18
	Alexander Logan	ditto	1 0
	William Finlay	ditto	1 16
	William Peebles	ditto	1 6
	Thomas Taylor	Meigle	4 12
	Thomas Mathew	Methven	2 0
	Andrew Barron	Sachole	2 0
	David Ritchie	Craighall	1 10
	Andrew Henderson	Gellybanks	2 8
	William Barry	Finald	1 8
	William Gorrey	Perth	3 4
	Peter Reid	ditto	1 14
	John Smith	Port	2 0
	John and James Imrie	Regoston	2 2
	Thomas Harvie	ditto	2 0
	William Robertson	Rhynd	23 17
	George Gray	St Martins	10 10
	John Donaldson, sen.	St Madoes	2 0
	David Young	Scoon	3 6
	Robert Gordon	Tippesmuir	1 16
	Patrick Matthew	ditto	2 2
	James Lawton	ditto	1 8
	William Balvaird	ditto	7 4
	William Carmichael	Pool	2 16
	John Peter	Aberlemno	2 6
	Peter Lumden	Arbroath	1 11
	FORFAR-SHIRE.	ditto	1 2
	Alex Fairweather	Auchterhouse	1 10
	James Davidson		
	Stewart Lyall, Esq;		
	George Blair		

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## Gainers.

## Farms.

Gainers.	Farms.	Parishes.	Premiums.
Robert Henderson	Burgh-hill	Brechin	L. s.
Thomas Lighton	Lois of Cookston	1 18	
John Hood	Keithock	1 1	
William Hood	ditto	3 12	
John Edgar, Esq;	Maids of Keithock	3 1	
Alex. Fairweather	Pandreich	3 5	
James Davidson	Bank of Pittosforth	1 12	
James Brown	Cononside	27 1	
Alex. Mitchell	Nether Carleton	2 18	
John Rickard	Carleton	1 13	
Charles Black	Peathill	2 4	
Francis Stratton	ditto	1 1	
John Brewis	Kinnoul	1 16	
James Williamson	Mountbey	14 2	
David Mitchell	Eastmains of Roffie	3 7	
John Sinclair	Westmains of ditto	1 8	
John Bruce	ditto	1 8	
William Smith	Ulysseshaven	1 16	
William Lyall	ditto	1 15	
David Lyall	ditto	1 2	
Robert Mill	ditto	1 11	
John Williamson	Inverkeilor	2 3	
Milne and Smith	Bandoch	2 14	
Ruxton and Milne	Boghead	1 10	
James Ferrier	Glencorn	1 3	
John Read	Redcastle	2 1	
Thomas Kinmont	Ardlair	1 6	
Wm. Anderson	Mill of Ardlaire	2 1	
James Ogilvie	Bowhouse	1 1	
John Scott	East Braikie	2 6	
David Melfan	ditto	4 7	
John Williamson	ditto	1 18	
Alex. Williamson	ditto	2 6	
Jamison and Mill	ditto	3 17	
David Smith	Newbigging	2 8	
Colin Ritchie	Ringmure	2 8	
William Mather	Mains of Gray	2 12	
Bartholomew Parsons	Mains of Galry	3 12	
James Walker	Pert	4 19	
William Johnston	Dumbertnot	5 19	
Alexander Scott	Lunan	1 3	
William Mill	Newton	3 5	
William Scott	Bonypa	2 2	
Alex. Dorward	Montrofe	1 18	
Thomas Ruthven	Oathlaw	3 7	
Davididion and Mill	Reesobie	2 19	
John Langlands	St Vigeans	2 1	
John Fish	ditto	3 15	
David Smith	Strickathrow	1 1	
James, John, and Peter	SHIRE.		
Hay	Kirkhill		
John Hood	Side		
	Strickathrow		
	Kirkhill		
	Uphall		
	Lanark		
	Montroufe		
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